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There are a few dives left in our 2023 season
with 1 wreck dive planned on the Halftime on
October 29th to the Oregon and 2 beach dives on
the schedule. The diving season might be coming
to an end but the monthly meetings continue year
-round. We are always looking for interesting
speakers to present at the meetings. If you have
an idea for a speaker please reach out to us

There are several social events in the fall to connect with club members. The Death By Diving dinner was a well attend event and a nice dinner was had by all. The annual Holiday Party is planned for December 2nd at Gus's house in Bay Shore. It will start at 6PM. Watch the emails for more information.

There are several dive trips planned this winter. If you are one of the lucky club members traveling to a warmer location to dive, please bring back pictures and a report for the newsletter. It is always nice to hear about tropical locations.

As we finish out the dive season, I wish safe diving to all and, I will see you at the November

meeting or November 7th.

See you at the meeting,

Mary Davis President





## THE MONTHLY MEETING

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The Dive Club currently holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the Tap Room in Bay Shore.

TAP ROOM

44 E Main St. #46
Bay Shore, NY 11706
(631) 665-2000

Support our hosting establishment and wait staff. Please note that our hosts add an "Event Gratuity" to each bill.

And don't forget cash for our 50/50 raffle!

Arrive for dinner as early as 6:30pm. Meetings commence at 8pm.

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**November 2023 Dive Club Meeting Presentation** 

Rob Vasiluth from Save the Great South Bay's Eelgrass Restoration program

Save SGreat South Bay Eelgrass "is the foundation in the shallow sea," notes Vasiluth. "It's a nursery ground for juvenile fish. It's where scallops can thrive. Eelgrass produces oxygen. It slows down erosion. It's a natural buffer. It neutralizes acidification. It absorbs carbon." But "95 percent of eelgrass in New York waters is gone," he said.

Restoration efforts to this point had been relatively unsuccessful with seeds being simply scattered in the water with the hopes that they would take hold and germinate. Vasiluth thought there must be a better way. (continued on next page)

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For months, he experimented with various methodologies, eventually coming up with the idea to glue eelgrass seeds to clam shells. His train of thought was that the clams with the seeds attached would bury themselves in the sea bottom and the seeds would germinate more heartily. He experimented with the idea at the Cornell Cooperative laboratory located in Southhold with great success and finally settled on using Cyanoacrylate - aka Krazy Glue<sup>™</sup>.

Vasiluth's restoration efforts have been implemented in the waters of the Long Island Sound near Stony Brook, in Sterling Harbor off Greenport, in Shinnecock Bay, and most recently in the Great South Bay off Fire Island's Barrett Beach.

Divers may be able to play a part in these eelgrass planting efforts through Rob's new method, so join us at our November meeting to hear all about it and how you can get involved in saving the Great South Bay!





# CLUB MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

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Fill out the application. 2024 applications and waivers available soon! It is preferred that you fill out the application on your computer, print to sign, and then scan and email to Bill at the below address. Read on for detailed instructions.

Please note that ALL PREVIOUS Forms are obsolete. The Form for 2024 MUST say 2024 at the top.

Note, for Family Memberships, EACH PERSON IN THE FAMILY UNIT needs to fill out a Form and Sign it.

Print out the form so you can sign BOTH Pages, and Initial the Waiver where indicated.

PARENTS, you must sign the Waiver for your Children under the age of 18.

No Digital Signatures please.

When you sign the Waiver, PLEASE DATE IT January 1 of the waiver year.

Scan the two pages and save as a \*.pdf, using your Last Name for the File Name. Ex: Mine would be Cadden.pdf.

E-Mail it back to this E-Mail Address (Membership. Thediveclub@GMail.com)

#### Pay your Dues

You can do this by one of 3 easy and convenient ways:

- 1. Pay Cash at the meeting or if you run into an Officer (Pres, Vice-Pres, Treasurer, Corresponding Sec).
- 2. Pay by Check, either at a Meeting, to an Officer, or via mail to the P.O. Box.
  - \* If you use a Business Check, make sure you include a note telling us who it is for.
  - \* If your Family Unit has multiple Last Names, please let us know who is included.
- 3. Venmo to the Treasurer.
  - \* If you need Venmo directions, please contact the Treasurer at info@thediveclub.com.
  - \* If your Family Unit has multiple Last Names, please let us know who is included.

## MEMBERGUID NOTICE

#### **MEMBERSHIP NOTICE**

- If you have not renewed your membership, please do so asap including filling out the updated club waiver. Form/waiver available here: <a href="mailto:thediveclub.com/membership">thediveclub.com/membership</a>.
- Individual memberships for 2023 are \$25. Family memberships are \$35.
- T-shirts are available for purchase for a charge of \$10.
- Membership payments should be given to Gus Bricker, who can be reached at <a href="mailto:info@thediveclub.com">info@thediveclub.com</a>.
- Membership applications and renewals should be given to Bill Cadden, our Membership/Corresponding Secretary (<a href="mailto:membership.thediveclub@gmail.com">membership.thediveclub@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:tjcbillsetc@yahoo.com">tjcbillsetc@yahoo.com</a>).





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October 3, 2023 taken by Courtney Lyons

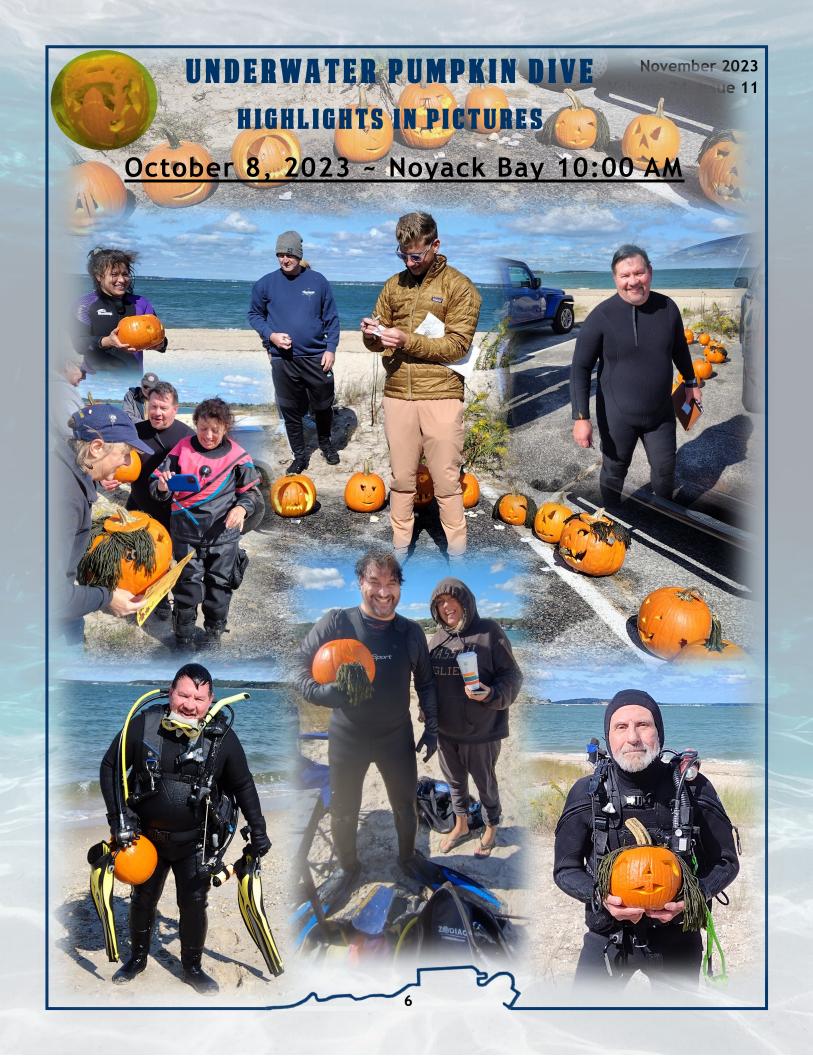
- ≈ 8:00 meeting started by Mary Davis
- We have a few weeks left of beach diving before the end of our season so check the schedule for upcoming dives
- Pumpkin dive coming up October 8 at Noyack Bay, bring your hollowed out pumpkin and a dive knife
- □ Upcoming trips: Tiedemann's to Florida Caves: Jan 2-7. Courtney & John Dive Club trip to Key Largo: Jan 8-12. Truuk Lagoon with Tiedemann's: Contact Ed for more info.
- ⇒ The holiday party will be at Gus's house December 2. Bring a dessert!
- DBI Leaderboard has been finalized! Congratulations to everyone who participated this year
- Death by Diving dinner will be Oct 22 at PJ Lobster House in Port Jeff. All are welcome, but those who completed the challenge this summer will win a free lobster dinner. RSVP to Mary Davis
- Nominations for positions are now open: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. If there are any nominations, we will vote at the December meeting.
- Non-elected committee positions: beach diving, wreck diving, OBI diving, newsletter, social media, camping. Some of these are filled and the people iwll be staying on for next year, but anyone is welcome to volunteer to assist with beach, OBI, and wreck diving committees.
- Dur speaker next month will be Rob Vasiluth from Save the Great South Bay talking about his eelgrass restoration efforts and how divers may be able to assist with these efforts!
- Dur speaker this month cancelled, Mary to talk about Truuk Lagoon and play video
- ≈ 8:45 meeting ended

NEWS

#### NEWS & UPDATES from our Google Group: Death-by-Diving Dinner

Our annual Holiday Party is scheduled for December 2, 2023 at 6pm. The location will be Gus Bricker's house in Bay Shore. The address will be sent in a future email. The club will provide the main course food. We are asking some club members to bring a desert. Please RSVP to Gus at <a href="mailto:augustbricker@gmail.com">augustbricker@gmail.com</a>. Let him know how many will be attending with you so the food order can be planned. The party is open to family members, also. When you respond let Gus know if you would like to bring a dessert and what that will be. He will keep a list of desserts so we can have a variety. As in the past, the event will be BYOB for drinks.

SAVE THE DATES: DEATH-BY-DIVING 2024 ON AUGUST 2,3, & 4







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### SHORE

LAST DIVE OF THE SEASON! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4: PIRATE'S COVE, PORT JEFFERSON MEET AT 9AM

Carpool if possible. Parking is extrem	mely lir	nited and street parking will be ticketed.
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Mike Feldbaum		Doug King 1
Norma Leon	5	Doug Purver 1
Amber Kulikauskas	1	Ed Meyer, Jr 1
Dan Corcoran	7	Elaine Turley
Jack Frost	1	Eric Yousha 1
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Julie Cohen	2	Jim Vafaes 1
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Eric Cregreen	2	Rick Magale 1
Harris Moore		Rusty Lukeman 1
James Campbell	2	Ryan Christie 1
Jeanine Furco	2	Ryan Feldbaum 1
Jeff Cardillo		Sam Feldbaum 1
Jenny Ross		Saverio Pisipa 1
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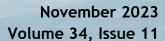
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Jack Frost	4
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Joe Lemaire	3
Michael Stacy	3
Mike Feldbaum	3
Nicole Alimario	3
Amber Kulikauskas.	3
Andrey Krasnov	2
Jennifer Lander	
Joe Feldbaum	2







## WRECK DIVING 2023 SCHEDULE

The following equipment is <u>required</u> for all wreck dives with The Dive Club: Divers should be comfortable with the use of this gear.

- Secondary Air Source:doubles or pony bottle
- Wreck reel
- Lift bag OR Surface Marker Buoy
- Cutting tool
- Whistle or other sound device
- Strobe

To book a spot on the Sidekick Dive Boat, each diver must have certification for the planned depth of the wreck. **Deep Diving certification** is required for wrecks over 100ft. To book a spot on the Sea Hawk or Sea Turtle, AOW certification is required.

#### WRECK LEADERBOARD (2023 FINAL)

Ron Prybella3Ben Chung2Alicia Sirois3Eric Yousha2Christian Muniz2Nick Sinnott2Jim Lisle2Noah Yousha2Jim Vafeas2Megan Barrow2James Lark2Barry Lipsky2Andrew Lockheart2Ken Murphy2Jack Dillon2Eric Creegan2	Mary Davis6	Ryan Smith 2
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Wreck dives can be booked by contacting Mary Davis at <a href="maintessm@msn.com">paintessm@msn.com</a> or 516-987-8308.

All payments due in advance. Payment must be made to secure spot.

All spots are final. If you can't make it you can replace yourself with a qualified diver.

We will try to help with a replacement if needed from a wait list.



### MONDAY NIGHT SCUBA TRAINING POOL AVAILABLE FARMINGDALE AQUATIC CENTER

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Are you a certified scuba diver? If you are, you will be interested in Farmingdale Aquatic Center's Monday Night Scuba program. Every diver wants to keep their Scuba skills at their very best. Living on Long Island, with the diving season as short it is, it can be difficult to keep Scuba skills sharp. Getting into a pool for practice is a great way to keep you skills up. Certified divers can get that pool time in the brand new Farmingdale Aquatic Center.

These 1 1/2 hour pool sessions are an ideal way to keep your skills up-to-date and be ready for your next Scuba diving vacation. The facility, which is brand new, has a 15 foot deep section great for practicing skills, trying out new equipment, working with your dive buddy, the lists goes on...

If you do not own all needed equipment, you can rent what you need from your local dive shop, or through special arrangements with Tiedemann's Diving Center of Levittown. Make sure all your skills are perfect by practicing in the pool. Then your dives will be more fun and safer.

Are you a Scuba Instructor? If you are you can use this facility to teach. The rules are simple. You need to be current with your agency. Each person in your group must be registered (you, your student(s), and any assistants you may have). Farmingdale needs to be listed as an Additional Insured on your instructor liability insurance. Contact Ed at Tiedemann's Diving Center for more details. You can even work out rental equipment for your students.

The sessions take place on Monday evenings, from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. To participate you must have a nationally recognized scuba certification. The level of certification must be Open Water Diver or higher. Use of any highly specialized equipment, (like a dry suits, full face masks, rebreathers), requires certification in that area. If you are a student you must be with your instructor at all times in the water. Anyone under the age of 18 year must have a parent with them in the pool area.

Has it been some time since you have been diving? We can make arrangements for a Scuba Update on your first pool session. Then you have two more sessions to practice.

The cost is \$100 per diver for the three-night session. This makes it very affordable. Each of the sessions includes three pool sessions. Four separate sessions will be offer in the Fall and Winter 2023/24. Current dates are below. The number of participants is very limited. Make Monday Night Scuba a great way for you to enjoy your Scuba Diving year round.

Signing up could not be simpler. Contact Ed Tiedemann at Tiedemann's Diving Center (56 Gardeners Ave. Levittown - 516-796-6560 - <a href="https://www.tdcscuba.com">www.tdcscuba.com</a>) and he can sign you up in person at the shop or over the phone.

If you want to contact Farmingdale directly, the number is 516-434-5316. Take note that if you sign up via the Farmingdale website (<a href="mailto:campscui.active.com/orgs/FarmingdaleUnionFreeSchoolDistrict22">campscui.active.com/orgs/FarmingdaleUnionFreeSchoolDistrict22</a> or the QR code to the right) there is a \$6 fee for each person signing up.

The upcoming sessions are:

- **October 2, 16, and 23**
- © October 30, November 6, and 13
- November 20, 27, and December 4
- © January 22, 29, and February 5, 2024



## DIVE ACCIDENT INSURANCE

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Scuba Diving involves a certain level of risk that we as certified divers accept. Accidents can happen even if we follow all the rules of diving. It is highly recommended that all divers have dive accident insurance. There are several insurers for this type of coverage, the 2 most used are DAN (Divers Alert Network) and Dive Assure.

The Dive Club recommends that all members have coverage, especially if you will be traveling to dive. Your medical insurance may not cover all the expenses involved with a dive accident.

#### **Diving Insurance Policies**

Diving insurance policies cover scenarios that are specific to the sport of diving. There are two types of diving insurance policies:

#### Diving accident insurance

These policies primarily cover a diver's medical expenses if they have an accident while diving. These expenses may include hospital stays, evacuation from a dive site, and treatment in a hyperbaric chamber. These costs are rarely covered by other forms of insurance, and are often very expensive, since many dive sites are in remote destinations with minimal medical services.

#### Dive travel insurance

These policies are designed specifically for divers and diving activities. They combine a diving accident insurance policy with a travel insurance policy. Travel insurance covers travel-related scenarios like a canceled dive trip, a missed flight or dive boat, having to end a dive vacation before the scheduled date, and some non-diving accident or medical situations. Travel insurance policies have different levels of coverage, so the policy buyer should carefully consider their needs, the size and length of their trip, and the policy provider before making their purchase.



## WOMEN DIVERS HALL OF FAME 2024 November 2023 Volume 34, Issue 11 SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING GRANTS

#### APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN-THRU NOVEMBER 15, 2023!

#### Applications are NOW open!

Twenty nine scholarships and training grants are offered this year. For some of the categories, more than one scholarship/grant is being offered. A summary of the scholarship/grant categories and award amounts is listed below. Full descriptions and sponsorship information may be found in the press release.

Press Release: https://bit.ly/46qmjEw

Application instructions & info at: wdhof.org/scholarships/sponsorship wdhof.org/scholarships/how-to-apply



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To go directly to the application link, go here: grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=wdhf

#### 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

Seven categories of scholarships are offered this year in marine conservation (basic or applied research), marine biology, underwater archaeology, seagrass and coral restoration/conservation, sea turtle conservation, extreme environment physiology, and journalism/ graphic arts/ photography/ videography.

They are intended to support independent research, field work, and conservation/ restoration activities, as specified in the descriptions.

#### 2023 TRAINING GRANTS

Ten categories of training grants are offered this year. Training grants provide funding for diving and diving-related underwater training. WDHOF and our sponsors offer several dive training grants for both beginners to learn and for certified divers to advance their skills.

The deadline for receipt of applications is November 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm New York time.

(Exception: Undergraduate Marine Research Internship closes Jan 15, 2024 at 5:00 pm New York time.)

www.wdhof.org



WOMEN DIVERS HALL OF FAME

#### **SEA STORIES**

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On Saturday, November 11, 2023, the Explorers Club will host its annual Sea Stories, a day focused on ocean exploration, scuba diving and marine life at its headquarters in Manhattan.



Speakers Include:



Brett Seymour - "Imaging for Science -Underwater Wonders of the National Park Service...and Beyond."

As the underwater photographer with the National Park Service's Submerged Resources Center, Mr. Seymour has been bringing a new dimension of our National Parks to life for nearly 30 years.

also specializes in documenting historically significant underwater sites around the world such as the civil war submarine HL Hunley, the arctic exploration vessels HMS Investigator and HMS Erebus, the antiquities laden shipwreck of Antikythera in Greece, the 1495 Danish WWII Gribshunden and sites warship throughout the Pacific.

Including his several hundred dives imaging the USS Arizona - Mr. Seymour has connected the past to the present through underwater imagery his entire career.



Zandile Ndhlovu - "Passion to Purpose - A World Unimagined."

Growing up in landlocked Johannesburg, South Africa with no access to the ocean and even more - Ms. Ndhlovu could never have imagined the world of marine wildlife as it unfolded during her first ever snorkel trip at the age of 28.

This moment expanded as she began her scuba diving journey and later finding freediving and in this deep passion, becoming South Africa's first black female freediving instructor.

Ms. Ndhlovu eventually started The Black Mermaid Foundation, a non-profit organization working to create greater access and more diverse representation to the ocean.

Ms. Ndhlovu is an explorer, an internationally awarded philanthropist, film maker and underwater photographer. She was also recognized in the Global Top 100 Under 40 list of the Most Influential People of African Descent.

Bruce Strickrott "Uncharted
Galapagos: Exploring
Dramatic Volcanic
Seascapes and
Pristine Reefs with
Deep Submergence
Vehicle Alvin."



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Mr. Strickrott is the senior pilot and manager of the deep submergence vehicle Alvin, at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Over 28 years diving with Alvin, he logged over 400 dives in the submersible.

Mr. Strickrott accumulated nearly 2,800 hours underwater throughout the world's oceans. He helped identify many new deep sea animals, including the deepest recorded hagfish aptly named 'Eptatretus Skrickrotti' in his honor.

Mr. Stickrott and his team recently completed the upgrade to Alvin for operations to 6,500 meters (21,325 feet), culminating in the U.S. Navy certification dives in the Puerto Rico Trench in July of 2022.

He served in the U.S. Navy on two guided missile cruisers, the USS Horne and USS Fox. Mr. Strickrott graduated cum laude from Florida Atlantic University with a degree in ocean engineering.

A documentary film directed by academy award nominee, Josh Seftel, titled "Bruce and Alvin" is set to release in 2024.



Steven Schwankert "China: Underwater
Discoveries and The
Undiscovered."
Mr. Schwankert is an
award-winning writer
and editor focusing
on exploration,
technology, and
culture.

He is the co-creator of "The Six," a book and documentary project about the Chinese passengers aboard the RMS Titanic. His book, "Poseidon: China's Secret Salvage of Britain's Lost Submarine" was published in 2013 by Hong Kong University Press.

Mr. Schwankert is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and East and South Asia Chapter Chair of The Explorers Club, and founded SinoScuba, Beijing's first professional scuba diving operator.

In 2007, he led the first-ever scientific expedition to dive Mongolia's Lake Khovsgol,

where he and his team found two wooden shipwrecks from the early 20th century.



Olga Torrey and Larry Cohen -"Exploring Papua New Guinea."

Ms. Torrey and Mr. Cohen will discuss the diverse marine life among the coral reefs of Papua New Guinea as well as their

interactions with the people living in the villages of Kimbe Bay and the Tufi area.

Mr. Cohen worked as a studio and location photographer for many years. His underwater photos appeared in Sports Diver, Alert Diver, Canadian Diver, Scuba Diving and Immersed.

He is the USA East Coast editor for the international web-based magazine X-Ray. Mr. Cohen is the past president of the NYC Sea Gypsies and a founding member of The New York Underwater Photographic Society.

Ms. Torrey is a fine artist and a life member of the Art Students League of New York. She has taken her talent as a fine artist and applied her skills to photography both above and below the water.

She has been published in InVetrum, X-Ray, Sports Diver, Northeast Dive News, Diver and The Ultimate Depth.

#### **Details:**

Location: Explorers Club Headquarters, 46 East 70th Street, New York, NY, 10021

Attire: Smart casual (no jeans/t-shirts)
Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 7:00 PM

#### To purchase tickets:

https://store.explorers.org/products/ sea-stories-2023.



### LIDA FILM FESTIVAL Volume 34, Issue 11

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#### The Long Island Diver's Association Annual Film Festival will be held on Saturday evening, January 27, 2024 @ 7 pm.

The Long Island Diver's Association (LIDA) Film Festival has become an annual tradition for New York area divers seeking to break the winter doldrums and to begin looking forward to new dive adventures.

This highly anticipated event is the highlight of the diving season, as we bring together photographers and cinematographers to present a glimpse into our amazing underwater world. Our presentations feature images from around the world as well as our own backyard.

Each year, the film festival sells out as divers from all around the area come together for a night of entertainment and enjoyment. Join us as we both look back on the dive season just behind us and look forward to future adventures. We welcome family and friends, divers, and non-divers for an evening not to be missed.

For one low price of admission attendees can enjoy 2-hours of presentations from some of the best underwater photographers and film makers in the world, followed by an amazing after-party complete with food and refreshments.

There is always the opportunity to win one of our highly sought-after raffle prizes. This is a great way to connect with friends, meet new divers and begin to plan new diving adventures in the year to come.

For more information, visit lidaonline.com.

> Purchase -> Tickets Now!





#### Circle Circle Circle/ Julia Mathieson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



**Mary Artale Christopher Brady** Frank Cara Brian Chebuske John Cholewa John Cholewa Tracy Cloherty John Frost Jr. Jerry Kinkade

Lisa Mellett Shannon Mellett **Christopher Newins** Jeric Sabino **Emily Solomon** Robert Stamm **Thomas Weismantel** Helen Wissing





Be featured in a future newsletter and help our dive community to become more familiar. Send the following information about yourself to info@thediveclub.com.

#### Name:

The nickname divers know you by:

Years diving:

**Certification level:** 

Additional skills and certifications you have earned along the way:

How many dives do you have under your belt?

What is your favorite type of diving?

Have you traveled to far-off destinations?

Where was your favorite dive destination?

What was your best dive experience?

What was your worst dive experience?

What was your scariest dive experience?

Have you had any funny experiences while diving?

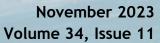
Have you had any close encounters with aquatic life while diving?

What (besides your love of diving) can you share with the divers that will be reading your profile?

# GOT NEWS OR STORIES?

Just because it is the height of winter, doesn't mean our diving is dormant. This is an excellent time to brush up on skills, service equipment, take classes, and make diving plans.

To keep the momentum going, let's share highlights of our adventures in diving. Consider writing an article for the newsletter (pictures also welcome!). If not a personal story or experience, diver-related news or educational articles are also welcome. All submissions are appreciated and will be credited accordingly. Send to <a href="mailto:info@thediveclub.com">info@thediveclub.com</a>.





## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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John Berntsen



Treasurer: Gus Bricker



Corresponding Secretary:
Bill Cadden



Recording Secretary: Courtney Lyons



Newsletter Editor: Randi Hochenberger



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Beach Diving:
Joey Feldbaum and Vicky Ingoglia



Oak Beach-Tee Shirts: Courtney Lyons



Camping Trips: Bruce Russo



Website Management: Jim Vafeas



Social Media Chairperson: Jerry Kinkade